

Claims:

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1. A structure comprising a walled freight container enclosing an interior volume of space, the container being at least partially clad internally and/or externally with a barrier structure, the barrier structure comprising a single panel, or a plurality of panels, of matrix material incorporating reinforcement elements, and means for human entry into and exit from the interior space of the container being located in a wall of the container and, if necessary for such entry and exit, also in the barrier structure.

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2. A structure as claimed in claim 1 wherein the barrier structure is in the form of a wall.

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3. A structure as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the barrier structure comprises a plurality of interconnected panels.

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4. A structure as claimed in claim 3 comprising a freight container in the form of a six-sided box having top, bottom, side and end walls, one end wall incorporating at least one door, at least the top, side and end walls including the door(s) thereof being clad internally of the container with a barrier structure comprising a plurality of interconnected panels of matrix material incorporating reinforcement elements, the panels being fixed to the container walls, the structure being transportable as a unit.

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5. A structure as claimed in claim 3 or claim 4 wherein the panels are interconnected by discrete interconnection elements.

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6. A structure as claimed in any of the preceding claims wherein the barrier structure includes panel support means for reducing the deformation of the barrier structure when subjected to a blast and/or ballistic force.

7. A structure as claimed in any of the preceding claims which includes means for anchoring the structure in the ground or clamping the structure to the ground.

8. A structure as claimed in any of the preceding claims wherein the matrix material of the panel(s) of the barrier structure is cementitious, ceramic, metallic or resinous.

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9. A structure as claimed in any of the preceding claims in which the reinforcement elements present in the matrix material of the panel(s) of the barrier structure comprise elongated or sheet-like main reinforcement elements and secondary compact shaped reinforcement elements distributed in the matrix material surrounding the main reinforcement.

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10 A structure as claimed in claim 9 wherein the main reinforcement is selected from one or more of the following, namely rod; wire; cable; interlacings of rod and/or wire and/or cable; mesh; sheet or plate; and 15 perforated sheet or plate materials

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11. A structure as claimed in claim 9 or claim 10 wherein the secondary reinforcement is selected from one or more of the following, namely lumps, fibres, whiskers and flake materials

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12. A structure as claimed in any of the preceding claims wherein a face of the barrier structure is clad with sheet, plate or tile elements.

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13. A structure as claimed in any of the preceding claims wherein there is a gap between a wall of the container and its barrier structure cladding.

14. A structure as claimed in claim 13 wherein the gap is bridged by filler material and/or by discrete connector elements interconnecting the container wall and barrier structure.

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15. A structure as claimed in claim 14 wherein the filler material is a foam, particulate or fibrous material.

16. A structure as claimed in any of the preceding claims wherein the walls of the container are of metal, and/or wood, and/or fibre filled resin.

17. A structure as claimed in claim 16 wherein the container is a 6-sided
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18. A structure as claimed in claim 16 or claim 17 wherein the barrier structure is substantially coextensive with at least one side wall of the container.

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19. A structure as claimed in claim 16 or claim 17 wherein the barrier structure is substantially coextensive with all side walls of the container.

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20. A structure as claimed in any of claims 16 to 19 wherein the barrier structure is substantially co-extensive with a top wall of the container.

21. A structure as claimed in any of claims 16 to 20 wherein the barrier structure is substantially co-extensive with a bottom wall of the container.

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22. A structure as claimed in any of the preceding claims wherein the walled container comprises an inner and an outer wall, and the barrier structure is interposed at least between the inner and outer walls.

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23. A collection of two or more structures as claimed in any of the preceding claims, positioned in a desired relationship with each other.

24. A collection of structures as claimed in claim 23 wherein at least two containers abut each other.